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For: METHOD AND ARRANGEMENT FOR THE

PRODUCTION OF LIGNOCELLULOSE-

CONTAINING BOARDS

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Preliminary to initiation of the prosecution of the above-identified pending U.S. patent application, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted.

IN THE ABSTRACT

Please delete the Abstract as filed and substitute therefor the attached revised Abstract.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the Specification in accordance with the attached revised Specification.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-5 and add new claims 6-10.

6. (NEW) A method for continuously producing lignocellulose-containing boards comprising providing a mat of disintegrated, glue-coated and dried lignocellulose-containing material, pressing said mat into a board in a steam injection press, conditioning said board by drawing a predetermined volume of air having a predetermined moisture content at a predetermined temperature through said board by means of suction applied

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